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BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AFTER CABINET MEETING MARCH 19 (INFORMAL TRANSLATION): QUOTE. TAKING CARE TO MAKE NO DECLARATION ON BELGIAN - ZAIRIAN RELATIONS WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE THEIR HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT, THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE GOVERNMENT APPLIES COMPLETELY THE GOVERNMENTAL PLATFORM WHICH CALLS FOR RELATIONS OF COOPERATION WITH ZAIRE, ESTABLISHED ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NOT CEASED TO PURSUE THIS OBJECTIVE AND SOON WILL PROPOSE NEW MEASURES DESIGNED TO ATTAIN THAT GOAL AND BEARING ON ALL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS.

2. THE INCONSIDERATE PUBLICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS WHICH DO NOT COMMIT THE GOVERNMENT, REGRETTABLE THOUGH SUCH PUBLICATION IS, CANNOT BE OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO CALL INTO QUESTION THE POLITICAL OPTIONS OF THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT.

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3. THE GOVERNMENT WILL PURSUE WITHOUT RESPITE ITS
ENDEAVORS TO ESTABLISH AT ALL LEVELS THE INDISPENSABLE
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